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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Procedure for Initiation of Overflight Reconnaissance

REFERENCE: 19 July memo from D/NRO to DDR/CIA, BYE-1708-62

1. This memorandum is in response to and serves to record my agreement with the reference memorandum with its attached flow chart. However, with regard to submitting proposals for additional missions for on-going programs for Special Group approval, I believe it is impracticable in terms of time for such proposed actions to be forwarded through the NRO. In an earlier conversation with you I had understood that you would be concerned in this instance only when some new factor were involved such as the use of a new sub-system or a proposed mission which would involve new or unusual risk or sensitivity. I am informed by Mr. Cunningham, Acting Assistant Director for the Office of Special Activities, that in his conversation with you on 31 July 1962 you were still of this view.

2. Accordingly, I would propose the revision of the penultimate sentence of the third paragraph of the reference be revised to read: "In the case of on-going programs, it will be the responsibility of the Project Director for a given program to consult with the Director, NRO where new factors are involved such as the introduction of a new sub-system or where new and unusual risk or sensitivity has arisen. In the absence of such new or unusual developments, the D/NRO will look to the specific Project Director to exercise the NRO responsibility as a means of expediting the movement of recommended actions for an on-going program to the Special Group for approval."

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